

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): Underground water retention apparatus comprising in combination:

perimeter support means disposed about and defining the perimeter of the apparatus for providing structural support;

liner means secured to the perimeter support means for holding a quantity of run off water;

means for draining run off water onto the liner means;

means for draining the run off water from the liner means; and

roof means disposed on the perimeter support means for covering the liner means and for providing structural support for appropriate usage of the roof means.

Claim 2 (Original): The apparatus of claim 1 in which the perimeter support means comprises a retaining wall.

Claim 3 (Previously Amended): The apparatus of claim 2 in which the means for draining run off water from the liner means includes a dry well.

Claim 4 (Previously Amended): The apparatus of claim 1 in which the means for draining run off water from the liner means includes a pump.

Claim 5 (Original): The apparatus of claim 1 in which the perimeter support means includes a plurality of caissons.

Claim 6 (Original): The apparatus of claim 5 in which the perimeter support means further includes an L-beam disposed on at least some of the plurality of caissons.

Claim 7 (Original): The apparatus of claim 5 in which the plurality of caissons are spaced apart from each other.

Claim 8 (Original): The apparatus of claim 7 in which the plurality of spaced apart caissons includes a first row of spaced apart caissons and a second row of spaced apart caissons.

Claim 9 (Original): The apparatus of claim 8 in which the perimeter support means includes a first L-beam disposed on the first row of spaced apart caissons and a second L-beam disposed on the second row of spaced apart caissons.

Claim 10 (Original): The apparatus of claim 9 in which the roof means comprises a plurality of tee elements disposed on the first and second L-beams.

Claim 11 (Original): The apparatus of claim 1 in which the roof means includes a plurality of tee elements disposed on the perimeter support means.

Claim 12 (Previously Amended): The apparatus of claim 11 in which the plurality of tee elements are disposed adjacent to each other.

Claim 13 (Original): The apparatus of claim 1 in which the liner means includes an upper side wall portion, a lower side wall portion, and a bottom portion.

Claim 14 (Original): The apparatus of claim 13 in which the upper side wall portion is disposed at a relatively shallow angle.

Claim 15 (Original): The apparatus of claim 14 in which the lower side wall portion is disposed at a relatively steep angle.

Claim 16 (Original): The apparatus of claim 1 in which the liner means comprises a plastic liner.

Claim 17 (Original): The apparatus of claim 1 in which the liner means is made of cementitious material.

Claim 18 (Original): The apparatus of claim 1 in which the perimeter support means includes a generally vertically disposed retaining wall.

Claim 19 (Previously Amended): The apparatus of claim 18 in which the liner means is secured to the vertically disposed retaining wall.

Claim 20 (Original): The apparatus of claim 19 in which the retaining wall is relatively short.

Claim 21 (Original): The apparatus of claim 19 in which the retaining wall is relatively long.

Claim 22 (Original): The apparatus of claim 1 in which the perimeter support means includes a stepped retaining wall.

Claim 23 (Previously Amended): The apparatus of claim 1 in which the perimeter support means includes a plurality of relatively short stepped retaining walls.

Claim 24 (Previously Amended): The apparatus of claim 23 in which the liner means is secured to the plurality of relatively short stepped retaining walls.

Claim 25 (Original): The apparatus of claim 1 in which the roof means includes a plurality of structural tee elements.

Claim 26 (Previously Amended): The apparatus of claim 25 in which the roof means further includes a concrete cap disposed on the plurality of structural tee elements.

Claim 27 (Original): Underground water retention apparatus comprising in combination:

perimeter support means for providing structural support, including a plurality of spaced apart caissons;

liner means secured to the perimeter support means for holding a quantity of run off water;

means for draining the run off water onto the liner means;

means for draining the run off water from the liner; and

roof means disposed on the perimeter support means for covering the liner and for providing structural support for appropriate usage of the roof means.

Claim 28 (Original): The apparatus of claim 27 in which the means for draining run off water from the liner means includes a dry well.

Claim 29 (Original): The apparatus of claim 27 in which the means for draining run off water form the liner means includes a pump.

Claim 30 (Original): The apparatus of claim 27 in which the liner means comprises a plastic liner.